

Father Darkleaf

Most clutched Christmas story I have heard during the war: An Appomattox soldier's mother was in my office just before Christmas. She said: "My boy was away from home last Christmas, in the Aleutians. He wrote us to wrap up his presents and put them under the tree, just like all the others, and when he got home he would open them and find them to be Christmas to him. We did, and when we took down the Christmas tree, we laid his presents aside to save for him. Now another Christmas is here and he is still far away. We will do the same thing this year, wrapping up his presents, and putting them under the tree, hoping that before another Christmas it will be over and he can be with us."

Being without an emblem of late, I am missing the trials and tribulations most car owners now experiencing with radiators and stop lights. Frankly, however, it is almost as hard to get one's feet started toward work these dark, cold mornings, as it is to get a motor started. Mother Brightleaf and I started out from home yesterday morning with a broom, sweeping the snow-covered walk as we went.

A fellow writer quotes the poem below and remarks that for two hundred years soldiers away at war have found it true:

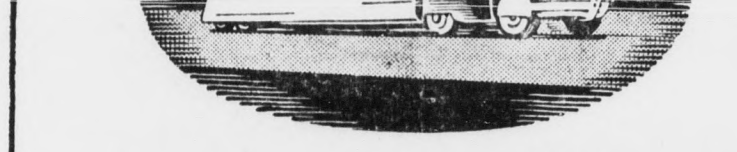
"I seek for one as fair and gay
But find none to remind me
How blest the hours passed away
With the girl I left behind me."

We truly miss all the men who have gone to serve in the armed forces. We would like to say a word about the splendid citizenship of H. A. Garney, who left his duties at the National Park Service headquarters at the Savannah, Ga., office to be inducted this month. "Sandy" came into our midst a year or so ago, and he and Mrs. Garney won scores of friends here. We trust that they will be coming back to Appomattox when it's over "over there."

John C. Caldwell took over the sports column of a Richmond paper last night to recite the deeds of Lou Chish, while the Norfolk lead was pitching baseball for Appomattox in the Skelton League. Lou went on to play last year with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

Some farmers hope that after the war, Uncle Sam will put left-over "jeeps" on the market. This handy vehicle could be mighty useful on a farm. They are said to get 16 miles on a gallon of gas.

We find that many customers do



A PEEK AT THE FUTURE

The chap who designs Greyhound Super-Coaches recently came up with the above idea. It's not built yet, but it will be as sure as Nippon's "rising sun" will set.

Yes, the bus riders' future is bright. Some day you may even travel by

Greyhound helicopter. I present plans pan out. So don't judge tomorrow's bus ride by what you're getting now, when we are short of bus and long on passengers. . . . don't our best to serve the Armed Forces, war-workers and other essential travelers.

Bill-the bus driver

GREYHOUND

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Paying tribute to its fighting men who fell on foreign fields during World War I, Indiana has erected in its capital of Indianapolis this striking War Memorial.

Hoosier Monument

Our dead have left their own memorials: the starved and bound people of captive Europe can do little more than hope and pray, but to free Americans is left the choice of their own future.

Your War Memorial; U. S. War Bonds

Day approaching when raids by 2,000 planes can be made at one time on Germany.

More wounded soldiers arrive at Stauton.

Over the nation there were 265 deaths holiday week-end.

President asks steel workers to keep up production.

Traffic slow and light over highways last week-end due to sleet.

Pulpwood badly needed for the war effort.

German battleship Scharnhorst is sunk by British home fleet off the northern tip of Norway.

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